Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 U.S. Application No. 10/062,411

## **IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

A metal-inorganic particle composite material is heated into a melt. Flux is thrown into the melt, and both the melt and the flux are brought into contact with each other sufficiently.

The resulting melt is then left at rest so as to be separated into an upper layer containing inorganic particles a and a lower layer composed of metal. Subsequently the upper layer and the lower layer are recovered individually.